

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. The examiner has rejected claims 1-20 as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,236,901 to Goss in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,286,038 to Reichmeyer.

A. The Claims are Directed to Statutory Subject Matter

The claims of the pending application are directed to statutory subject matter. In particular, claim 1, 7, and 9 of the pending application have been amended to clarify that the steps of the method are occurring within a computer system. As claimed, these steps are implemented within a computer system and describe the interaction and operation between computer systems. It is plain that, in light of the structure set out in the claims, the elements of claims 1-20 are more than mental processes and constitute statutory subject matter. The examiner's rejection of claims 1-20 on the ground that the claims do not constitute statutory subject matter should be withdrawn.

B. Claims 1-20 are Not Obvious Over Goss and Reichmeyer

Claims 1-20 are not obvious over the combination of Goss and Reichmeyer. In particular, Reichmeyer does not disclose a method for manufacturing and providing a computer system to a customer in which a service directory is transferred from the customer to the computer system under manufacture before the shipment of the manufactured computer system from the manufacturer to the customer. No combination of Goss and Reichmeyer shows this element of claims 1-20. In particular, the use of a service directory as a means for remotely configuring a computer system or synchronizing the configuration of a computer system is not shown by either Goss or Reichmeyer. Because these elements of the claims are not shown by the

combination of Goss and Reichmeyer, a *prima facie* case of obviousness is not established and the claims of the pending application should be passed to issuance.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-20 of the present invention are allowable. Applicants respectfully request that these claims be passed to issuance.

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